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1. The left wing of the Christian Democratic Union has begun to promote the nomination of Dr. Hans Boeckler for president of the western German Federal Republic. Dr. Boeckler is chairman of the Deutsche Gewerkschafts-Bund in the British Zone. As federal chancellor the same political circles are suggesting the present prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Karl Arnold. These nominations are intended to prevent Dr. Konrad Adenauer from becoming federal chancellor. The CDU left wing expects SPD support in this effort.
2. The Boeckler-Arnold combination is favored in trade union circles, especially since Arnold, like Boeckler, has a trade union background. It is believed that Boeckler will consent to his nomination only if he has the full support of his party, the SPD.

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